

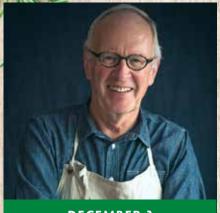
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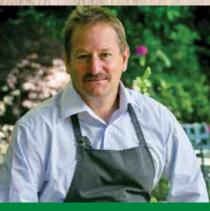
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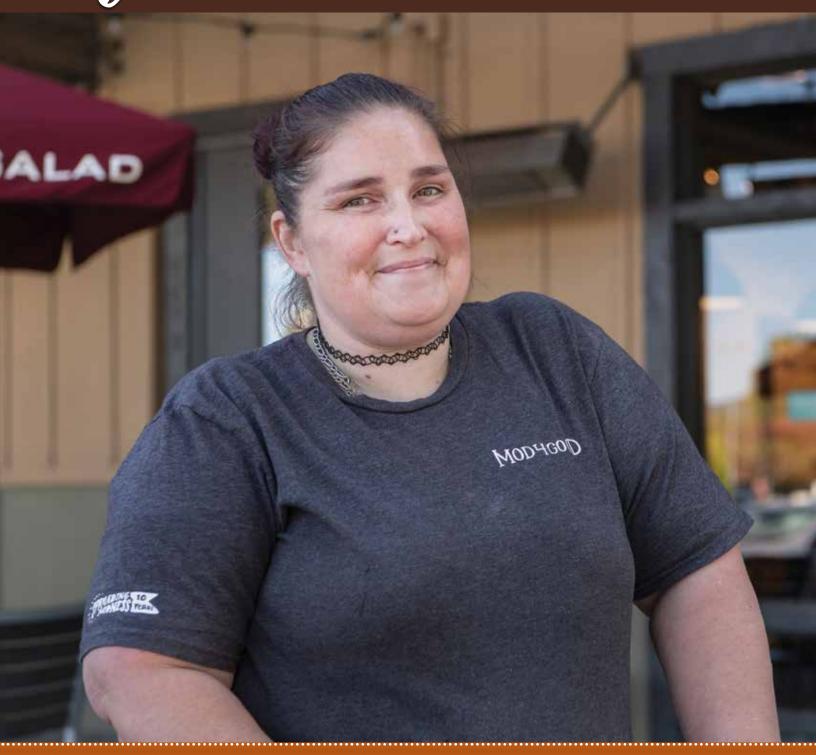
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DEAR FRIENDS TO THE END...OF HOMELESSNESS.



TRANSFORMING LIVES!

The act and art of building require so many layers. Along with materials like concrete, steel, and wood, our renovations grow from intention, plans and preparation. From new buildings like Mill Street 2.0, to reclaiming and rebuilding life journeys, so much effort and commitment are required.

Mill Street 2.0 provides a shining opportunity to build on the resources that we have, both literally and figuratively. Owned by Homeward Bound of Marin, the Mill Street property has served the community as a shelter since 1986. In the coming years, we will transform the building and, in turn, it will open a new era of building on our experience to support people transforming their lives.

The individual journeys that we witness at Homeward Bound provide our foundations. They inspire our enthusiasm and creative efforts to focus on the range of strategies needed to end homelessness in our community. They fuel our efforts with nonprofit, county, and city partners to forge effective solutions to homelessness, which have shown results in a significant decrease in chronic homelessness measured over the last two years.

We find ourselves part of a curious full circle that leads from the people served by our mission of "opening doors to safety, dignity, hope, and independence," quickening our hopes to create more "open doors" for people advancing on their journeys.

Thank you for your participation in all of these efforts to support homes for all. No one is really home until we all are home.



We're Building on Success with "Mill Street 2.0"

WE'RE RAISING THE ROOF AT MILL STREET CENTER — LITERALLY!

After 33 years, we have submitted plans to the City of San Rafael to rebuild the aging one-story building at 190 Mill St. that has served as Marin County's year-round emergency shelter for adults since 1986.

Our vision for the Mill Street Center will have four floors, including one level of covered parking, a 60-bed emergency shelter and two upper floors with 32 units of permanent supportive housing. We hope to open the doors of the new 32,000-square-foot structure in fall 2021.

"We are excited for this reimagined version of Mill Street. We've been emboldened in our plans by the unwavering support of our community partners, the County of Marin, and particularly

the City of San Rafael," says Mary Kay Sweeney, Homeward Bound Executive Director.

The idea to remodel Mill Street Center grew from a search for a site to build a housing program for chronically homeless adults. Surveying the options in hyper-expensive Marin County, we realized that our Mill Street property could this critical community need.

Nicknamed "Mill Street 2.0," this program would offer a type of housing not currently available in Marin. The services will be

designed to serve the most vulnerable people in our community, who struggle to find stability and maintain independence, with round-the-clock staff for added support to help them reach those goals.

While researchers tally the expense of serving an individuals like these on the street at up to \$83,000 a year, the cost of providing them with permanent supportive housing can be less than half as much.* As such, Mill Street 2.0 will save money as well as save lives.

Tenants in the 32 small apartments will pay affordable rents, with residents on each floor sharing a kitchen and living room. A single front door will serve the entire building with staff offices on the ground floor.



THANKS TO A NEW CHALLENGE GRANT FROM TAMALPAIS PACIFIC, YOU CAN INVEST NOW WITH A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH UP TO \$100,000!

In the shelter component, improvements will boost efficiency with kitchen upgrades and better bathroom facilities, including a genderneutral bathroom. Smaller dormitory rooms will provide a quieter atmosphere for sleeping. The refurbished kitchen will include an industrial dishwasher to replace the household model that has served for years.

Key government and foundation funders have already contributed more than \$10 million of the estimated \$15.6 million cost.

Mill Street 2.0 will optimize our site and build on 33 years of successful services to deliver vital assistance into the future for people facing the turmoil of homelessness. We look forward to updating you soon as work begins to bring our vision to life.

* "Home Not Found," Destination: Home and County of Santa Clara, May 2015.



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A Day in the Life of... Ho

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Steve's Story

Class starts at 9 a.m. and Steve F. sits at Mill Street Center doing homework for his college statistics class. The Novato High graduate wants to earn his two-year associate's degree and works part-time as a shuttle driver for Whistlestop, a nonprofit serving seniors.

At Mill Street, Steve finds a camaraderie in common experiences. "Everybody's got a story and many of them happen partly because it's just too expensive here," he adds.

"This is kind of where I am at this point," Steve says. "It beats sleeping in your car, which can be very tense trying to find a safe place to park. My kids are in Marin and I want to be present in their lives."

More than 70 percent of people counted as homeless in Marin this year resided in the county before becoming homeless.*

Mill Street Center, a 55-bed homeless shelter in San Rafael, served 394 individuals in 2018-19.

Mr. Singh's Story

Mr. Singh looks rested and happy after his first night in a new apartment, a welcome change after eight months at Mill Street Center. He glances at a photo from his first day there and doesn't recognize himself.

Our staff met him last year at a temporary winter shelter. At the time, he battled alcohol addiction and rolled into the shelter in a wheelchair due to infected blisters on both feet

Now clean-cut and healthy, Mr. Singh works at a local restaurant and secured housing he can afford.

"Everybody is addicted to something," says Mr. Singh, "whether it is shoes, alcohol, shopping, or drugs. Sometimes...it gets out of control. Staff here at Mill Street Center helped me find a new purpose in life. I regained control of myself and my path."

Among 394 people served at Mill Street Center last year, 15% reported alcohol abuse as a significant disability. Other issues reported by clients: mental health (60%), physical disability (40%) and chronic health conditions (43%).

Joyce's Story

Joyce G. is enjoying a quiet morning at home with her roommate, Kathleen, in Novato. She's close to her first anniversary in the apartment, which she rents as part of a Homeward Bound program.

"I had a job but the rent kept rising and the wages didn't," Joyce says, reflecting on her slide into homelessness.

"It's a wonderful gift to have this place," says Joyce, who pays 30% of her monthly benefit check for rent. "I used to be afraid that I was smelly. People make fun of you. Now I can take car of myself, meet new people. I came to respect myself again."

Since October 2017, a countywide collaboration working to end chronic homelessness has placed more than 175 people in permanent supportive housing. Of those, 96% have retained their homes.



Designing the Future

A mid-afternoon meeting gathers the team leading work on plans to rebuild Mill Street Center as a four-story structure with parking, shelter and supportive housing. San Rafael architect Fredric Divine has led the design effort for two years with partner Pat Cousens.

The Mill Street project will be his fifth with Homeward Bound, Fred says, though his office handles a range of residential and commercial projects. See more about the project on p. 3.

Homeward Bound hopes to complete construction of this revised version of Mill Street Center and open the doors by the end of 2021.

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MARIN AND NEW AVENUES OPEN TO SUPPORT THOSE MOVING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS.

LK THROUGH A DAY IN OUR PROGRAMS.



Jayme's Story

Her shift starts soon at MOD Pizza in Novato, so Jayme has only a few minutes to talk. She started working there six month ago after graduating from Homeward Bound's Fresh Starts Culinary Academy.

She endured seven years of homelessness on the streets of San Rafael. "It's the cold or the heat," Jayme says. "Plus you always worry about someone bothering you or stealing your stuff."

In the 10-week culinary training, "I learned how to be somewhere on time," Jayme says. "I tried very hard not to miss anything."

Now living in her own Novato apartment, Jayme says it feels strange to be alone after eight months in the homeless shelter but adds, "I'm glad I didn't go back on the streets."

Fresh Starts Culinary Academy offers hands-on employment training for up to 60 students yearly. Last year, 12 percent of students held jobs at the start of training. At year-end, 84 percent of graduates were employed.

Kristy's Story

Three years ago, Kristy L. entered a nightmare when she was hit three times by a random drive-by shooter in her sister's driveway in Oklahoma. Her trauma refused to heal as she recovered from her visible injuries.

Back home in California, where she was born, Kristy grappled with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, struggled to get along with and suffered unpredictable physical symptoms. Eventually she lost her housing and arrived at Mill Street Center.

"Had that program not been there, I don't know what would have happened to me," Kristy says.

She now works as assistant to the controller at American Solar Co. in Sausalito and lives with a roommate in San Rafael. Kristy returned last month to a residents' meeting at the shelter to encourage people to keep pursuing their goals. "You gotta show up for your life," she says.

Despite the high cost of housing in Marin, approximately 70 percent of those leaving our shelters last year stayed in the county. Individuals who secured market-rate housing made up 17 percent of the total.

Lavedtra's Story

People have begun checking into Mill Street Center for the evening. Lavedtra W. and other staff members greet them, answering questions for newcomers and listening to the day's events.

"I can remember where I came from," says Lavedtra, who became homeless as a young mother with three children, drifting from friend's house to friend's house in Marin. "When people come in for the first time and they're afraid, I'll sit with them and hear their stories."

Her own experience of homelessness ended more than 10 years ago. Shortly after, she enrolled in a social services training program and soon joined the Mill Street staff.

"We have to talk about some hard realities with people but we always reach out with love," says Lavedtra, who looks forward to seeing an expanded Mill Street Center. "We could serve so many more who need help. We fill up fast."

Like Lavedtra, 30% percent of staff members at Homeward Bound of Marin have lived through an episode of homelessness in their own lives.

"We have nothing like this now in Marin, made for people who have been the hardest to serve," says Mary Kay Sweeney, Homeward Bound's Executive Director. "We'll be able to offer more privacy and independence for tenants but still have 24-hour staff and individual support on-site." In the past 11 years, Homeward Bound has developed four housing programs – the Next Key Apartments, Oma Village, Yellow Hallway and King Street Senior Housing –serving 85 people



AS PEOPLE WORK TO PUT HOMELESSNESS IN THEIR PAST, HOMEWARD BOUND OF MARIN HAS MUCH TO TELL ABOUT WALKING SIDE-BY-SIDE TO SUPPORT THEIR JOURNEYS IN THE LAST YEAR.

We've transformed our shelter programs with robust services to help clients move toward stability and strengthen the search for a place to call home. Our housing-focused shelter services played a key role in the **28% drop in chronic homelessness** found during the biannual Point-in-Time Count on Jan. 29, a countywide survey of people without housing.

In the past year, we continued with planning and pre-development work for a major initiative: the rebuilding of Mill Street Center in San Rafael, our year-round emergency shelter for adults, to serve even more vulnerable individuals transitioning out of homelessness.

We're also laying plans for a second proposal to provide innovative low-cost housing options adjacent to our Novato headquarters. We look forward to sharing more details about our vision for the site as we move forward.

Our 5 shelter and 11 supportive housing programs served a total of **1,133 people** in the year ending June 30, 2019, down 3 percent from the previous year. The change underscores the need for some individuals to stay longer as they seek out affordable homes.

When leaving our programs last year, more than **80% of people moved to housing opportunities.*** This benchmark remained steady since the previous year and comes despite the fact that rents remain among the highest in the entire country.* *

Our family programs continue to fill a valuable need for struggling parents and children, with a total of **89 families served**, up from 80 families a year earlier. These critical programs have huge potential to open new futures for the youngest members of our community, with 40% of the **138 children** served aged 5 years or younger.

Over the past year, we forged closer links with nonprofit and government agencies to form a stronger community safety net. This work involves Ritter Center, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Buckelew Programs, the Marin Housing Authority, the County of Marin and the City of San Rafael, all striving to reach those people struggling on our streets with the greatest needs.

The housing-focused shelter at Mill Street Center served 394 adults in 2018-19, up 14% from a year earlier. Of those, 55% of people leaving last year moved to our New Beginnings Center to continue their journey.

New Beginnings Center welcomed 217 clients, almost 8% fewer than the previous year, reflecting longer stays to build stability and independence. A full 90% reported a physical, mental or emotional disability, with many facing overlapping challenges, and 28% were seniors aged 62+ years.

Transition to Wellness, a program created in partnership with local hospitals, last year offered shelter to 62 individuals exiting hospital care without stable housing. A stay in this program lets people rebuild health and connect to other services, preventing a cycle of homelessness and emergency care. The program, opened in 2008, this year served its 500th patient.

Students at Fresh Starts Culinary Academy maintained a record of accomplishment, with 84% securing employment within 30 days of completing their training. This success comes after 10 weeks of hands-on training, including everything from recipe sizing and hygiene to cooking techniques and teamwork.

As our social enterprise ventures expand, they offered **supportive employment for more than 30 trainees and graduates**. These ventures include Fresh Starts Chef Events, our series of celebrity chef dinners, and catering for community events in The Key Room, our on-site event space. See more about upcoming chef events on the back page.

We expanded sales of Wagster Treats, the premium dog biscuits made in our kitchen that have become our flagship social enterprise. As growth continued, we installed a new machine to boost production by churning out treats 20 times faster for baking in two new dedicated ovens. More than 125 stores now sell

Wagster Treats, allowing us to plan for more hiring of trained graduates to fill production and packing needs.

As always, we close the year with deep and abundant gratitude for hundreds of generous investors and more than 1,000 dedicated volunteers who join forces with us to pursue our goal of "ending homelessness with training, housing and hope." Thank you for your support and partnership!

*This figure does not include Mill Street Center, where people may stay on a night-to-night basis. Last year, 55% of clients at Mill Street Center moved to other Homeward Bound programs.

^{** &}quot;Out of Reach 2019," National Low Income Housing Coalition, June 2019.

WHO WE SERVE



1,133
PEOPLE SERVED



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PEOPLE IN FAMILIES



886
SINGLE ADULTS



SENIORS (62+)

227

VETERANS 69

CHILDREN (UNDER 18)

138



FAMILY PROGRAMS 84% left for a housing opportunity



82% left for housing opportunity



JOB TRAINING FRESH STARTS CULINARY ACADEMY



Number of Students



Percent of Students
Without Housing



Number of Students Employed at Start of Training (14%)



Number of Students Employed at Year-End (84%)



TRANSITION TO WELLNESS

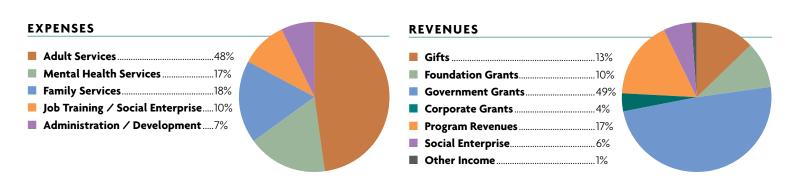
Medical Respite Shelter

62 people served

805 hospital days avoided

\$2,415,000 saved through avoidable hospital stays

OPERATING BUDGET / TOTAL AGENCY EXPENSES AND REVENUES • 2018-19



HOMEWARD BOUND PROGRAM MAP - 2019

Adult Services

King Street Senior Housing

Larkspur 12 beds

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Housing at Last

Multiple Locations 26 beds

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Fourth Street Center

San Rafael 20 rooms (20 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Next Key Apartments

Novato 25 studio units (25 beds)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Transition to Wellness

Novato 3 studio units (6 medical respite beds)

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Fireside Apartments

Mill Valley
Partnership with Eden
Housing
8 senior units (8 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Warner Creek Senior Housing

Novato Partnership with Eden Housing. Support services provided for 60 residents

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Meadow Park

Novato
Partnership with EAH
Housing, 6 houses (15 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

New Beginnings Center

Novato 80 beds (including 16 beds for veterans)

SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Mill Street Center

San Rafael 55 beds

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Mental Health Services

Palm Court

Multiple Locations 26 beds

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSIN

Carmel Program

San Rafael 26 rooms (26 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Voyager Program

San Rafael 5 rooms (10 beds)

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Family Services

Oma Village

Novato 14 houses (35 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Family Place

Multiple Locations 10 houses (41 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Fireside Apartments

Mill Valley Partnership with Eden Housing. 10 houses (35 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

San Clemente Family Homes

Corte Madera Partnership with EAH Housing.4 houses (13 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Next Key Apartments

Novato 4 studio units (8 beds)

FRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Meadow Park

Novato Partnership with EAH Housing. 6 houses (15 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Family Center

San Rafael 9 rooms (25 beds)

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Yellow Hallway

San Rafael 2 families (5 beds)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Job-Training Programs

Fresh Starts Culinary Academy

Offers intensive 10-week job-training program. Enrolls up to 60 students annually.

JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS

Apprenticeships

Offers paid apprenticeships in Janitorial & Building Maintenance and Landscaping & Gardening.

JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS



Community Partner Spotlight: Community Partner Spotlight – ICS/GEM gardeners

New flowers and inspiration have sprouted amongst our chard, tomatoes and herbs, thanks to partners from the GEM Garden program operated by Integrated Community Services.

In October 2018, Homeward Bound offered underutilized garden space at New Beginnings Center for cultivation by the program, which provides paid employment training to adults with disabilities.

The GEM training began with a garden in San Rafael, but needed more space to expand enrollment. About two dozen GEM clients have worked in our garden in the past year, working two days a week on 15 rows planted with flowers and vegetables.

Along with Homeward Bound's Garden Supervisor David Jordan, and volunteer from the community, their team cultivates a culture of learning along with job skills. "They have a lot of knowledge that they share. Every time they come out, I learn stuff too." David says.

"It is great to now have more space to grow," says Renee Lockhart, a GEM program peer coach. Since a bus stop sits next to New Beginnings Center, clients can build independence by taking charge of their own transportation to work.

"The Homeward Bound community make us feel very welcome. David supports us in every way that he can and we appreciate him a lot," Renee says.

The GEM team puts most of their produce in boxes delivered monthly to local customers, who receive vegetables, flowers and homemade tea. This small CSA, or Community Supported Agriculture, project serves about two dozen subscribers.



Customers now can ask to include Wagster Treats, the premium dog biscuits produced as a social enterprise in Homeward Bound kitchens. "Wagster has been requested by a lot of our customers as a regular item," says Julia Fox, GEM project coordinator.

Extra produce from their rows goes to the Homeward Bound kitchens to help with shelter meals. GEM participants take pride in their contributions, Julia says, adding that some have previously been residents in Homeward Bound programs.

"Working with GEM has been a great collaboration with a strong community partner," says Paul Fordham, Deputy Director at Homeward Bound. "There's some crossover between our clients and their team seems to enjoy being here. We're really happy with the results."



Volunteer Spotlight: Cheryl Longinotti of Cycling without Age

Cycling has been a lifelong pursuit for Cheryl Longinotti of Corte Madera. Now she's making bike rides available to seniors at King Street Senior Housing.

"The bicycle is my freedom machine to get out of the house and really explore," says Cheryl, who founded the Marin chapter of Cycling without Age and remains the

lone member. The worldwide

The worldwide organization began in Denmark in 2012 with Ole Kassow, who used a trishaw to take nursing home patients for rides. Cheryl now has a trishaw of her own, equipped with seating for two and herself as the "pilot," plus electric assist if needed.

She began in 2016 by taking members of a

Corte Madera seniors' group on rides. When King Street Senior Housing opened last year, she offered residents a chance to "feel the wind in their hair." Cheryl makes a monthly visit to King Street.

CHERYL LONGINOTTI

"I don't have much time to commit to starting an organization, but I like to ride," says Cheryl, who also heads the Corte Madera Women's Club. "We go down the bike path to the marsh and sometimes out onto one of the levees."

Her riders always have stories to tell and seem happy with the experience, Cheryl says. "I've gotten hugs when we're done. It's always fun for me – once we had a long conversation where I spoke Italian and she spoke Spanish, but somehow it worked."

Her visits have been a tour de force at King Street, Program Coordinator Micha Berman says. "It's a unique gift. Cheryl engages in wonderful conversations with our seniors while treating them to a couple hours of sunshine and relaxation – it is perfect!" he says.

Retired from leading the hearing clinic at the Veterans Administration hospital in San Francisco, Cheryl now teaches riding seminars for Marin Bicycle Coalition and works to promote safe bike routes. Cycling with Age has been a favorite project, she

adds. "It's like being part of a big family that loves to ride and take people along to enjoy it with us," she says.



WAYS TO GIVE

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